

Welcome

Statewide Flex Meeting

08 Fiscal Year (9/1/08-8/31/09)



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Goal 1: Update Idaho's State Rural Health Plan

- On-going activities:
 - Annual Flex planning session tomorrow
- New activities:
 - Multiple smaller planning sessions statewide
 - 8/28 and 9/5 at the Hospital Cooperative: nurses, HR and business office staff, foundation directors
 - 11/17 at the NIRHC: CFOs and CEOs

Goal 2: Quality and Performance Improvement

- On-going activities:
 - IHA contract: QI/PI committee, website data, peer review, on-site QI in-services, quality and credentialing reviews (25%), \$500 travel support
 - Medical interpreter qualification course in 3 CAH communities
 - Promote CMS Hospital Compare
 - Access to human simulators

Goal 2: Quality and Performance Improvement

- New activities:
 - IHA contract:
 - Regulatory requirements and language services on-site in-services
 - SORH:
 - On-site CME for CAH health professionals on working with an interpreter, implementing “prep course” for medical interpreters prior to qualification course, assessing opportunities for interpreter CE



Goal 2: Quality and Performance Improvement

- New activities (cont'd):
 - TeamSTEPPS training for CAHs
 - Qualis Health
 - CAH recruitment through mid-December
 - HRSA Patient Safety Pharmacy Collaborative
 - Shoshone Medical Center, Terry Reilly Health Services, Family Medicine Residency of Idaho

Goal 3: Strengthen infrastructure

- On-going activities:
 - “Big” Flex grants- 4 awards of \$25,000
 - 12 applications received, review meeting 11/13
 - Mini-grants \$3,400
 - Network HIT planning and education mini-grants
- IHA contract: finance/business office training



Goal 4: Program Evaluation

Contract with Rural Health Solutions

- FY07 completed activities:
 - Annual report
 - 2008-2009 Rural Health Plan
 - Case study in Bonners Ferry
- FY08 activities:
 - 2 new CAH community case studies
 - Case study synopsis
 - Annual report



Goal 5: Enhance EMS in CAH areas

- New activities:
 - EMS system assessments in 2 CAH communities
 - EMS medical director workshop
 - EMS manager scholarships to complete on-line manager course (spring 2009)



Goal 6: Network Development

- On-going activities:
 - State and regional Flex conferences
 - Northwest Regional CAH Conference 3/18/09
- Federal program change:
 - Eliminating annual Flex grantee conference for stakeholders (Washington, DC, August 07 and Kansas City, MO, July 08)

Flex program evaluation overview

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